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VIA ECFS

Ms. Kris Monteith, Chief
Wireline Competition Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket Nos. 17-144, 16-143, 05-25 ~ Notice of Election of Incentive Regulation for Business Data Services by Eckles Telephone Company (Study Area 361386)

Dear Ms. Monteith:

Eckles Telephone Company ("Company") hereby provides notice to the Wireline Competition Bureau of its election to convert to incentive regulation for Business Data Services (BDS) effective July 1, 2019, in Study Area 361386, in the state of Minnesota.

The Federal Communications Commission's *Rate-of-Return Business Data Services Order* instructed carriers "electing to convert to incentive regulation effective July 1, 2019 to provide notice of their election by May 1, 2019".¹ The Company is a rate-of-return authorized Alternative Connect America Model carrier eligible to make this election, and elects incentive regulation for BDS services effective July 1, 2019. The Company is an issuing carrier of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 ("NECA Tariff") and will file BDS rates for the lower capacity (DS3 Bandwidth Level and below) TDM Services under the incentive regulation framework in the Alexicon Telecommunications Consulting, Inc. Tariff 2019 annual access tariff filing. The Packet-Based and Higher Capacity (above a DS3 Bandwidth Level) TDM Services will be detariffed effective July 1, 2019.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Alexicon Telecommunications Consulting, Inc.

¹ See *Regulation of Business Data Services for Rate-of-Return Local Exchange Carriers, Business Data Services in an Internet Protocol Environment, Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Docket Nos. 17-144, 16-143, 05-25, Report and Order, Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 18-146, (rel. October 24, 2018), (*Rate-of-Return Business Data Services Order*).